



Searchlight Town Advisory Board  
SEARCHLIGHT COMMUNITY CENTER  
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## MINUTES

**SEARCHLIGHT TOWN ADVISORY BOARD**  
**WEDNESDAY, March 9, 2011**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**SEARCHLIGHT COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**200 MICHAEL WENDELL WAY, SEARCHLIGHT, NV 89046**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**     **Bill Bodkin**  
                                 **Jill Canepa**  
                                 **Verlie Doing**  
                                 **Sandra Walters**

**ABSENT:**                     **Ellie Shook (Excused Absence)**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**     10 persons signed in.

1.     **CALL TO ORDER:**

- A.     Conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law.
- B.     Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.
- C.     Agenda items may be taken out of order as deemed necessary.

2.     **ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS:**

- A.     **Approval of the March 9, 2011 Agenda.**                     **Action**

**Bill Bodkin** moved, **Sandra Walters** seconded to approve as presented the March 9, 2011 Agenda of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board. Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0 (**Ellie Shook** Absent).

- B.     **Approval of the February 9, 2011 Minutes.**                     **Action**

**Sandra Walters** moved, **Verlie Doing** seconded to approve the February 9, 2011 Minutes of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board with a

correction on Page 7, Second Paragraph, *from* “These wind turbines are 128’ and cost approximately \$1.5 million dollars.” *to* “These wind turbines are 428’ and cost approximately \$1.5 million dollars.”. Upon a voice vote, motion carried as corrected 4-0 (**Ellie Shook** Absent).

3. **CORRESPONDENCE:** **Action**

4. **GOVERNMENT AGENCY REPORTS:**

A. **Metropolitan Police Department**

**Officer Dave Thompson** reported.

**Searchlight February 2011 Statistics:**

Calls for Service: 12  
Traffic Citations: 84  
DUI's: 0  
Battery Domestic Violence Arrests: 0  
Bookings: 2  
Juvenile Arrests: 2  
Juvenile Citations: 0

**Burglary Arrest.** On February 14, 2011, a juvenile was arrested in Searchlight for Burglary. The juvenile was also arrested on February 15, 2011 for another Burglary.

**Sandra Walters** asked about the speed limit change from 65 mph to 75 mph on Highway 95 and **Lt. Evans** responded that the speed limits have been changed in all areas of the highway that are divided by a median. There could, however, be a problem for vehicles entering Searchlight where the speed limit reduces from 75 mph to 25 mph in a very short distance and that needs to be talked about.

B. **Nevada Highway Patrol** – No report.

C. **U.S. Park Service** – No report.

D. **Las Vegas Valley Water District.** **Jordan Bunker** reported.

**Searchlight LVVWD Report.** The system remains stable with no major leaks or breaks to speak of. The contract for the discharge pipeline, which will convey water from the well to the water treatment plant, is approximately 75 percent complete. Approximately 23,400 linear feet (nearly 4.5 miles) of 12-inch diameter pipe has been installed. This project should be complete by the end of the summer. Design for the

Central Water Treatment Facility is approximately 95 percent complete and work on that project should start this summer as well.

E. **Parks & Recreation: Debbie Pinkerton** – No report.

F. **Searchlight Volunteer Fire Department** – No report.

5. **ZONING:** **Action**

A. None.

6. **ZONING – NOTICES OF FINAL ACTION:**

A. **ZC-0584-10-USA:**  
**ZONE CHANGE** to reclassify a 1.1 acre portion of a 626.0 acre site from R-U (Rural Open Land) Zone to P-F (Public Facility) Zone. **DESIGN REVIEW** for a groundwater well, ancillary equipment, and communication tower. Generally located 2.3 miles south of State Route 164, and 4.5 miles west of US Highway 95 within Searchlight (description on file). *Approved by the Zoning Commission on 02/02/11 subject to certain conditions.*

7. **COMMUNITY PROJECTS AND CONCERNS:**

A. **SNTC LETTER OF SUPPORT** **Action**  
**Consider a letter of support from the Searchlight Town Advisory Board for continuation of Federal Transit Administration funding for the Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (Silver Rider), and take any action deemed appropriate.**

**Debbie Dauenhauer**, Executive Director, Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (Silver Rider), explained that the letter of support being requested is for the South Federal Transportation Administration Grant (covering Laughlin, Searchlight, Cal-Nev-Ari, and Palm Gardens) funding in the anticipated amount of \$1.4 million dollars (the 2010 amount received). Fifty percent of the funding comes from the Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada and fifty percent of the funding comes from the Federal Transportation Administration through the Nevada Department of Transportation. Transportation from Searchlight is provided on Tuesdays and Saturdays into Laughlin, NV and Bullhead City, AZ, and transportation into Las Vegas is now provided every weekday but Tuesdays due to a new Freedom Grant through the Regional Transportation Commission instead of the two days per week it was before. The following letter was drafted in support of the grant request:

March 9, 2011

Melisa Kunter, Transportation Planner  
Nevada Department of Transportation  
1263 S. Stewart Street  
Carson City, NV 89712

Re: Support Letter

Dear Ms. Kunter:

At the March 9, 2011 meeting of the Searchlight Town Advisory Board, a letter of support was approved for continuation of Federal Transit Administration funding for the Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (Silver Rider) for the community of Searchlight.

Public transportation is vital to the community of Searchlight, particularly in the current economic environment. Searchlight has a high population of senior citizens, as well as low-income residents, who are public transit dependent.

As you know, the residents in rural communities like Searchlight have limited services available, making public transportation their only access to normal daily necessities and life sustaining medical accessibility. Although this is the case in many rural communities, transportation is especially critical to the residents of Searchlight who have no other public transportation options currently open to them.

The Searchlight Town Advisory Board appreciates your serious consideration of the request for continued Federal Transit Administration funding for the operation of the Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (Silver Rider) local bus service to provide public transportation in Searchlight, Nevada.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Canepa, Chair  
Searchlight Town Advisory Board

cc: Jackie Brady, Laughlin Town Manager  
Debbie Dauenhauer, Executive Director, Silver Rider  
Searchlight Town Advisory Board

**Sandra Walters** moved, **Verlie Doing** seconded to approve the letter of support from the Searchlight Town Advisory Board for continuation of Federal Transit Administration funding for the Southern Nevada Transit Coalition (Silver Rider). Upon a voice vote, motion carried 4-0 (**Ellie Shook** Absent).

8. **STANDING COMMITTEES REPORTS:**

A. **Capital Funds Committee** – No report.

9. **OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. **Searchlight Heritage Partnership** – No report.

B. **Community Development Advisory Committee** – No report.

10. **COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION REPORTS:**

A. **Searchlight Clinic** – No report.

B. **Public Works/Roads** – No report.

C. **Senior Center: Kate Dobie**, Cal-Nv-Ari, NV

**Daylight Savings Time.** On Sunday, March 13, 2011, at 2:00 AM, please set your clocks ahead one hour. **AARP Safe Driving Class.** The AARP Safe Driving Class needs a few more people to sign up in order to have the class at \$12 for AARP members or \$14 for non-members. Please call 297-1614 if interested. **St. Patty's Day Dinner.** A St. Patrick's Day Dinner will be held on Friday, March 18, 2011, at 5:00 PM. Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage will be served. **Style Show.** A Style Show will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2011, at 2:00 PM. **Easter Dinner.** Easter dinner will be served on Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011, at 3:00 PM. **Volunteers.** Volunteers are needed at the Senior Center, so if you have any free time to volunteer, please call **Lori** at 297-1614 to find out what she needs and when. Your help would be very much appreciated. **Donations needed.** We need used DVD and used books and paperbacks. **Memorial Tree.** The Senior Center has a Memorial Tree in the rear lobby. Leaves are available to have your loved one remembered on the Memorial Tree for a minimum donation of \$5.00. **50/50 Raffle.** A 50/50 raffle will be held after dinner on Thursday nights. **Lunch.** Lunch will no longer be served on Thursdays on Fridays. **Bingo.** Bingo is at 6:00 PM every Thursday following dinner. Dinner is at 5:00 PM. Free Bingo for prizes starts at 2:30 to 4:30 PM every Friday. **Friday Lunch.** Lunch will no longer be served on Friday, but dinner will be served at 5:00 PM with pool immediately following dinner. **Pool.** Pool practice is Monday mornings, 9:00 AM and Friday evenings, 5:00 PM. On Monday nights a shootout will be held with position drawings at 5:10 pm sharp, and competition continues until there is one winner. The poolroom is open anytime the center is open. For information call **Al Randolph** at 297-1613. **Homebound Meals.** Homebound meals are available by calling 297-1614. If you are aware of someone needing these services, please call the Senior/50 Plus Club at 297-1614. We deliver to all surrounding

areas.

D. **Museum Guild**

**Sandra Walters** reported that the next meeting of the Museum Guild is Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at 2:00 PM.

E. **Special Events** – No report.

F. **Waste Water Management** – No report.

11. **COMMUNITY INPUT AND PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Judy Bundorf** reported that she talked today with **Greg Helseth** of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) about when the draft Environment Impact Statement for the Searchlight wind energy project will be available, and was told it will not be available until summer 2011.

**Debbie Marcusson**, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, was unable to attend this meeting so **Jill Canepa** read her report into the record as follows:

Community needs Assessment Survey has been delivered to all deliverable addresses in Laughlin. Approximately 400 surveys have been returned for the Southern Clark County area. Reminder to all residents to return survey. If a survey is needed you can pick one up at the Searchlight Community Center or contact University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE) at (702) 299-1333. This is a request to STAB members to encourage friends, family, and citizens to complete the survey as this will provide vital information to UNCE as well as government leaders. In addition, residents in Searchlight, Cal-Nev-Ari, and Palm Gardens were given a short survey from University Medical Center (UMC) on the needs of the medical clinic. Upon tabulation the results will be forwarded to UMC and the Searchlight Town Advisory Board.

12. **NEXT POSSIBLE MEETING DATE:** The next possible meeting date is **Wednesday**, March 30, 2011, and the next regular meeting is **Wednesday**, April 13, 2011, at **6:00 P.M.**, Searchlight Community Center, 200 Michael Wendell Way, Searchlight, NV. 89046. Agenda items due no later than March 21, 2011, and April 4, 2011 respectively.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**Jill Canepa** declared the meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM.

*These minutes are in draft form and will be formally approved at the April 13, 2011 meeting. Any corrections to these minutes will be reflected in the meeting minutes of the May 11, 2011 meeting.*